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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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KNIGHT ET AL.

Examiner

Ellen Kim

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17, 22, 23 and 27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 8-15, 22, 23, 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7, 16 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

This is responsive to Applicant's amendment filed on 9/25/07.

All the amendment filed on 9/25/07 will be entered.

Upon consideration and review of the Applicant's Appeal Brief, all the previous rejection has been withdrawn and the following rejection has been made. Any inconvenience to Applicant is regretted.

Claims 1-12, 14-15, 22-23, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Claus et al in view of Fabian [USPUB 20030140659].

In re Claims 1-12, 14-15, 22-23, and 27, Claus et al disclose a method of manufacturing an optical fiber, and the optical fiber comprising:

- (i) forming a perform comprising a bundle of elongate elements arranged to form a first clad region and a second core region [fig. 1];
- (ii) drawing the perform into the fiber, wherein the bundle of elongate elements comprises a plurality of elongate elements of dielectric material [column 1, l]0007].

Claus et al teach in ¶0028, and ¶0032 that the cladding material can be used with different doping material, and the core and the cladding is made of glass material.

Therefore, it is clear that different level of purity of dielectric material are utilized in the core and cladding glass material as Applicant claimed in the claims.

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Claus et al disclose every aspect of claimed invention except for the OH content in core and cladding.

Fabian discloses a manufacturing process of an optical fiber and teach in fig. 4 that the OH content in core is smaller than that in cladding.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Claus et al device to include the claimed OH content as shown in Fabian's reference for the purpose of controlling the optical attenuation [see Fabian's ¶0021]. It is clear that this would improve the device.

In re claims 8 and 14, Claus et al teach in ¶0032 that the different refractive index material is utilized in the device.

In re claims 22, 23, and 27, the claimed different OH content is clearly shown in ¶0015 of the Fabian reference.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-7, 16, and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does not disclose or suggest a method of manufacturing optical fiber, and the optical fiber comprising all the specific elements with the specific combination including the first region including at least one second purity element as set

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forth in claims 3 and 17; including the second region including at least part of at least one of the first purity element as set forth in claims 5 and 16.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Further references of interest are cited on Form PLO-892, which is attachment to this office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen Kim whose telephone number is (571) 272-2349. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

Ellen E. Kim



Primary Examiner

October 14, 2007/EK